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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**
**EXAMINING GROUP 3738**
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7528.0003-02

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Todd J. MORTIER et al. | ) | Group Art Unit: 3738 |
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| Application No.: 10/679,691 | ) | Examiner: D. Willse |
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on November 1, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.